

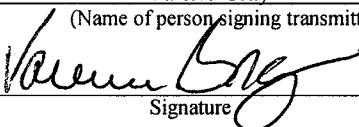
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on January 18, 2008, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the Examiner as follows:

Species I, Fig. 3;

Species II, Fig. 6;
Species III, Figs. 7-11;
Species IV, Figs. 14-17C;
Species V, Figs. 18-19;
Species VI, Fig. 20;
Species VII, Fig. 21;
Species VIII; Fig. 22; and
Species IX, Fig. 25.

Reconsideration and reformulation of the species for the present application are respectfully request. Applicants' representative notes that Fig. 3 illustrates the image capturing and image display apparatus of the present invention. Fig. 25 illustrates the computer implementation of the present invention. The Species identified by the Examiner constitute respective embodiments of image-capturing optical unit 21 and display optical unit 32 shown in Fig. 3. Reference is made to paragraphs [0025], [0037], [0046] and [0048]-[0050] of Applicants' published application which describe these respective embodiments/species. In particular, it is believed the present invention is described in accordance with the following species, and the claims are readable on each such species as follows:

Species I, illustrated in Figs. 3, 6-11 and 25 and on which claims 1-4, 14-19, 29-38 and 47-49 read.

Species II, illustrated in Figs. 3, 14-17 and 25 and on which claims 1-2, 5-7, 14-17, 20-22, 29, 31-36, 39-41, 47 and 49 read.

Species III, illustrated in Figs. 3, 18-19 and 25 and on which claims 1-2, 8, 14-17, 23, 29, 31-36, 42, 47 and 49 read.

Species IV, illustrated in Figs. 3, 20 and 25 and on which claims 1-2, 9-10, 14-17, 24-25, 29, 31-36, 43-44, 47 and 49 read.

Species V, illustrated in Figs. 3, 21 and 25 and on which claims 1-2, 9, 11-17, 24, 26-29, 31-36, 43, 45-47 and 49 read.

Species VI, illustrated in Figs. 3, 22 and 25 and on which claims 1-2, 9, 11-17, 24, 26-29, 31-36, 43, 45-47 and 49 read.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reformulate his election of species requirement in accordance with the foregoing listing of species, which is believed to be an accurate summary of the species identified by the Examiner.

If the Examiner agrees to reformulate the species in accordance with the foregoing listing, Applicants elect claims 1-2, 5-7, 14-17, 20-22, 29, 31-36, 39-41, 47 and 49 without traverse. However, should the Examiner maintain that his election of species requirement is correct, Applicants traverse this requirement and respectfully request the Examiner explain the difference between, for example, his determination of species I and species II, the difference between his determination of species II and species III, the difference between his determination of species I and species IX, and the difference between his determination of species II and species IX.

It is submitted that claims 1, 2, 14-17, 29, 31-36, 47 and 49 are generic because they read on all of the drawing figures enumerated by the Examiner. Accordingly, if any of these generic claims eventually is allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

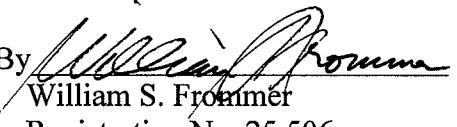
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Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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